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IN TELEGRAMS TO CINCUSAREUR (RPTD CINCUR) GEN HAMLETT EVALUATES  
MILITARY CONSEQUENCES ANY REDUCTION STRENGTH BERLIN GARRISON.  
PERTINENT EXTRACTS FOLLOW:

(1) "SIZE OF GARRISON HAS LITTLE BEARING ON OVER-ALL PICTURE IN  
MILITARY SENSE UNDER ALL OUT WAR CONDITIONS. UNDER LESSER  
CONDITIONS OF HOSTILITY OR VARIOUS STAGES OF CIVIL DISORDERS,  
SIZE OF BERLIN GARRISON IMPORTANT AND VITAL. UNDER  
CONDITIONS LIMITED HOSTILITIES OR CIVIL EMERGENCY,  
GARRISON MUST BE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING FOR SECURITY US PERSONNEL,  
PROPERTY, UNITS AND AGENCIES IN BERLIN."

(2) "REQUIREMENTS FOR MILITARY FORCES IN EVENT CIVIL  
DISTURBANCES PROBABLY SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY FACTOR  
IN STRENGTH OF GARRISON. SOVIETS AND EAST GERMANS HAVE  
CAPABILITY CREATING AND DIRECTING CIVIL DISTURBANCES WHICH  
WOULD BE SERIOUS THREAT TO SECURITY WEST BERLIN EVEN IF PRESENT  
COMBINED CAPABILITY OF ALLIED MILITARY AND WEST BERLIN POLICE  
BROUGHT TO BEAR. EVEN THREAT SUCH ACTION WOULD REQUIRE  
EMPLOYMENT LARGE PART MILITARY FORCE INITIALLY TO PROTECT  
PROPERTY SUCH AS AIRPORT (FOR EVACUATION PERSONNEL), DEPOTS,  
BARRACKS, SENSITIVE INSTALLATIONS, DEPENDENTS QUARTERS AND  
ACCESSES THERETO. PRESENT CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND AGREED  
BERLIN ALLIED PLANS, UNDER PLAUSIBLE CONDITIONS CIVIL  
DISORDER, REQUIRE EMPLOYMENT ENTIRE WEST BERLIN POLICE FORCE  
AND MILITARY GARRISONS. THIS CONCEPT RECENTLY PROVEN IN

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COMPREHENSIVE JOINT CPX IN WHICH ALLIED MILITARY AND WEST BERLIN POLICE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED."

(3) "FURTHERMORE THERE DANGER IF SIZE OF ALLIED GARRISONS CURTAILED TO LEVEL WHERE AGGRESSIVENESS ON PART OF SOVIETS AND/OR EAST GERMANS IS ENCOURAGED OR TO EXTENT WHERE QUICK COUP COULD WIPE OUT OR SUBDUE ENTIRE GARRISON AND FACE ALLIES WITH 'FAIT ACCOMPLI' IN BERLIN."

REFTEL DESCRIBES PREDICTABLE SOV EFFORT TO AUDIT OUR TROOP STRENGTH BY CONTROL MEASURES IF GARRISON LEVELS FIXED BY AGREEMENT.

FROM POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL POINT OF VIEW, REDUCTION IN GARRISON LEVELS AT THIS TIME - EVEN VOLUNTARY - WOULD HAVE DELETERIOUS EFFECT ON BERLIN MORALE. FACT OF REDUCTION ITSELF WOULD BE JUDGED BY MANY BERLINERS AS EVIDENCE ALLIED WEAKNESS FORESHADOWING EVENTUAL PHASE-OUT ALLIED PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN CITY.

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